

Where does your money go?

The money you raise from standing shoulder to shoulder with those children whose lives have been turned upside down by HIV will go a long way. Half of the money raised will play a massive part in supporting a project that Scripture Union and Tearfund are working on together. The remaining 50% will be used by Tearfund in responding to the needs of people affected by HIV worldwide.

About Scripture Union West Africa (SUWA)

The project works throughout West Africa – in Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Benin, and Togo. With a total population across the six countries of 175 million – and as many as 7 million of those testing HIV positive – the numbers of people dying from AIDS-related illnesses each day is alarming. However, local churches are in a unique position to be able to help those that AIDS leaves behind. SUWA supports those churches, helping them to stand shoulder to shoulder with some of the world's most vulnerable people.

How it works

By focusing on the needs of young people, SUWA hopes to make long-term changes in West Africa. By caring for orphans in their communities, offering counselling and training of church and community leaders, as well as helping young people train in order to be able to earn a living, SUWA offers the essential practical support that can only be delivered through local communities and churches.

In each of the six countries where your money will be used, SUWA is working with churches and Christians from all denominations. And, through its work in schools, SUWA is helping to create a generation of young people who are educated and ready to teach and support their friends.

A little more detail

SUWA's work impacts the lives of millions of people in a variety of ways. Here are three of the key ways in which your money will be used:

- Advocacy (working on behalf of young people to defend and support their rights)**
 SUWA advocates for orphans and vulnerable children (as well as those who are looking after them) on a number of issues including education, safe drinking water, decent accommodation, food security and clothing.
- Counselling**
 Too many people are unaware of the fact that they are living with HIV. By providing HIV counselling and testing SUWA helps to prevent the spread of the virus and opens opportunities for treatment, care and support for people who test positive.
- Seed funding**
 Your money goes a long way in West Africa, and SUWA supports local projects by providing much-needed funding.

About Tearfund's HIV work

Tearfund works with partner organisations around the world to stop and reverse the spread of HIV. In fact, by 2015 we want all the communities where our partners work to be free from the spread of HIV.

As well as offering education and treatment, Tearfund's partners work alongside children orphaned because of AIDS. Whether it's providing food and clothing, education or training, our local partners live among some of the most vulnerable people, supporting them day after day.

